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Colorado Canyons NCA RMP

Dear Reader:

Attached you will find the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA) Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (RMP/ROD). The CCNCA encompasses approximately 122,300 rugged and scenic acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Mesa County, west of Grand Junction, Colorado.

The CCNCA RMP/ROD describes the management prescriptions developed for the long-range protection of the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness. The CCNCA RMP/ROD was developed through a collaborative effort between the BLM and a ten-member Advisory Council, four citizen-based working groups, and representatives from a wide variety of user groups.

Thank you to all who helped make this planning process a success. To all of you who enjoy the wide variety of opportunities available on these outstanding public lands, we look forward to working with you in the future as we continue our efforts to protect and enhance the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area.

Sincerely,

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National Conservation Area



**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
AND  
RECORD OF DECISION  
  
FOR THE  
  
COLORADO CANYONS  
NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA  
AND  
BLACK RIDGE CANYONS WILDERNESS**



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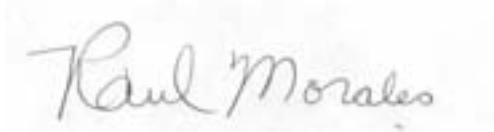
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

## Manager's Recommendation

Having considered a full range of management alternatives, associated impacts and public input, I recommend adoption and implementation of the attached Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan.



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10/28/04

Date



Catherine Robertson, Manager  
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10/28/04

Date

## State Director Approval

I approve the attached Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan, as recommended. This document meets the requirements for a Record of Decision, as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations part 1502.2 and for a resource management plan as described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.0-5(k).

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Ron Wenker  
Colorado State Director

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Date

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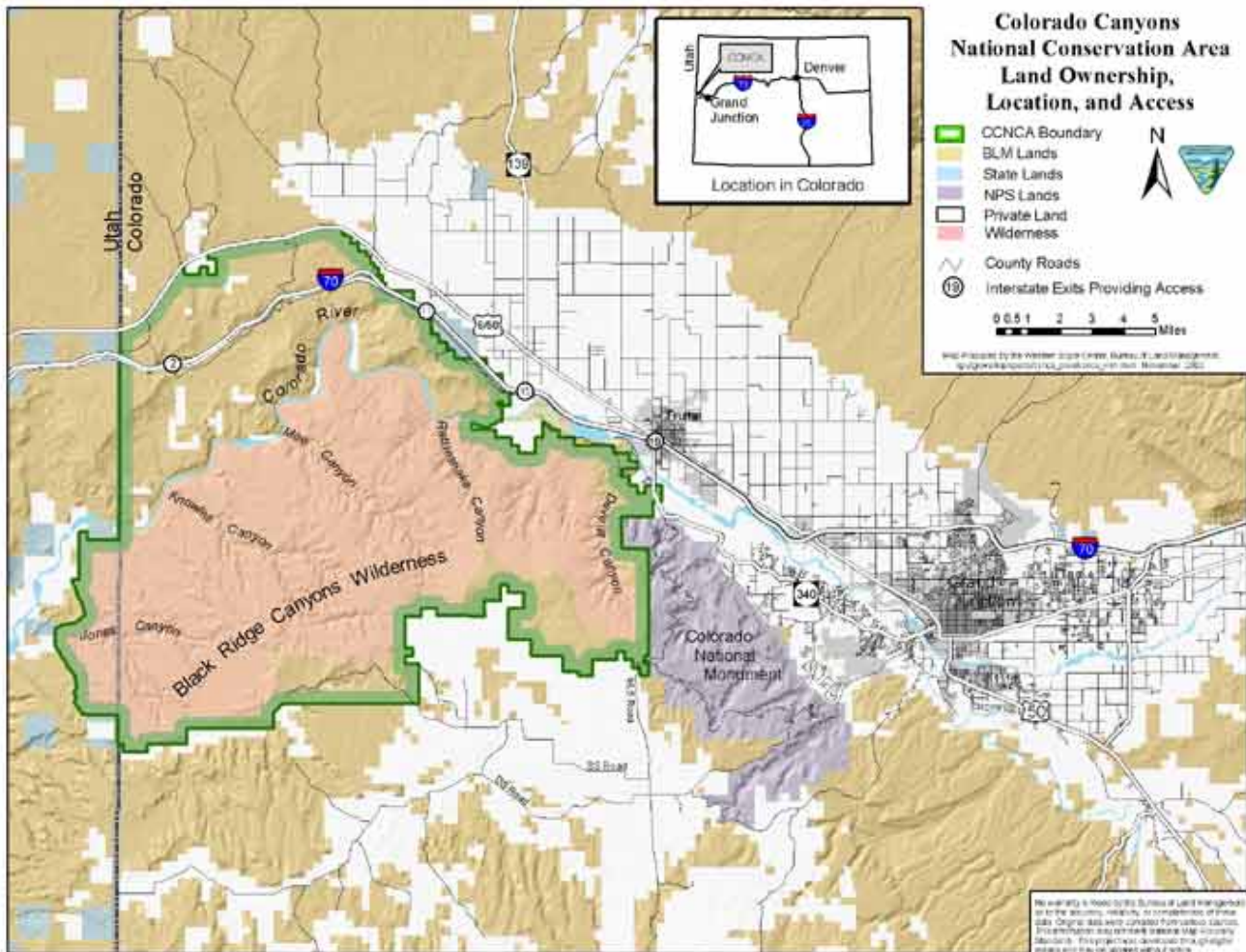
## ACRONYMS

<b>-A-</b>	
ACEC AC ARPA ATV AUM	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Advisory Council Archaeological Resource Protection Act All-Terrain Vehicle Animal Unit Month
<b>-B-</b>	
BBM BA BLM BMP BRCW	Benefits Based Management Biological Assessment Bureau of Land Management Best Management Practice Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness
<b>-C-</b>	
CAA CCNCA CDOW COSO CEQ CFR CWA	Clean Air Act Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Colorado Division of Wildlife Colorado State Office Council on Environmental Quality Code of Federal Regulation Clean Water Act
<b>-D-</b>	
DEIS DOI DPC DR	Draft Environmental Impact Statement Department of the Interior Desired Plant Community Decision Record
<b>-E-</b>	
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS ESA ESI	Environmental Impact Statement Endangered Species Act Ecological Site Inventory
<b>-F-</b>	
FACA FEIS FLPMA FO FONSI FR FWS FY	Federal Advisory Committee Act Final Environmental Impact Statement Federal Land Policy and Management Act Field Office Finding of No Significant Impact Federal Register Fish and Wildlife Service Fiscal Year
<b>-G-H-I-</b>	
GIS	Geographic Information System
HAZMAT HCSWA	Hazardous Material Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
IBA IBLA	Important Bird Area Interior Board of Land Appeals
<b>-J-K-L</b>	



LAC LE LUP LWCF	Limits of Acceptable Change Law Enforcement Land Use Plan Land and Water Conservation Fund
<b>-M-</b>	
MOA MOU	Memorandum of Agreement Memorandum of Understanding
<b>-N-</b>	
NEPA NHPA NOA NOI NPS NRHP	National Environmental Policy Act National Historic Preservation Act Notice of Availability Notice of Intent National Park Service National Register of Historic Places
<b>-O-</b>	
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
<b>-P- Q- R-</b>	
P&EC PFC PL PM	Planning and Environmental Coordination Proper Functioning Conditions Public Law Principal Meridian
RAC RCRA RMP ROD ROS R/W	Resource Advisory Council Resource Conservation & Recovery Act Resource Management Plan Record of Decision Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Right-of-Way (also ROW)
<b>-S-</b>	
SD SHPO SO SOP SRP SSS	State Director State Historic Preservation Officer Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedure Special Recreation Permits Special Status Species
<b>-T-</b>	
T&E T&R	Threatened and Endangered Township and Range
<b>-U-</b>	
USDA USDI (or DOI) USFS	U.S. Department of Agricultural U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Forest Service (also FS)
<b>-V-</b>	
VRM	Visual Resource Management
<b>-W-</b>	
WO WSA	Washington Office Wilderness Study Area

**Figure 1-1  
Colorado Canyons  
National Conservation Area**



**COLORADO CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**  
Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision